

Please amend claim 1 and 13; cancel claims 14-18; and add claims 19-27 as follows:

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— wherein —

- where —

- R²⁹ and R³⁰ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -CF₃; -(C₁-C₃) alkyl; -(C₃-C₆) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; and pyridyl; wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, and pyridyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰, where R¹⁰ has the same meaning as defined below;
- Y is =C(R¹_a)—, where R¹_a has the same meaning as defined below; or -[N⇌(O)_k]— where k is 0 or 1;

— where —

--R¹_a is a member selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -Cl; -CN; -NO₂; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₂-C₄) alkynyl; fluorinated-(C₁-C₃) alkyl; fluorinated-(C₁-C₃) alkoxy; -OR¹⁶; and -C(=O)NR²²_aR²²_b;

— where —

---R²²_a and R²²_b are each independently -H; -CH₃; -CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH₂(CH₃)₂; -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂; -C(CH₃)₃; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; or cyclopentyl;

-R^A and R^B are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -CF₃; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl; phenyl; and benzyl; wherein said cycloalkyl, phenyl, and benzyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰;

— where —

--R¹⁰ is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl; pyridyl; -F; -Cl; -CF₃; oxo (=O); -OR¹⁶; -NO₂; -CN; -C(=O)OR¹⁶; -O-C(=O)R¹⁶; -C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -O-C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)OR¹⁷; -NR¹⁶S(=O)₂R¹⁷; and -S(=O)₂NR¹⁶R¹⁷; where said phenyl or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 R¹¹;

— where —

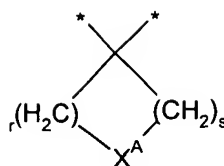
---R¹¹ is -F; -Cl; -CF₃; -CN; -NO₂; -OH; -(C₁-C₃) alkoxy; -(C₁-C₃) alkyl; or -NR¹⁶R¹⁷;

— and —

----R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₂-C₄) alkenyl; -(C₃-C₆) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; and pyridyl; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -CF₃, -CN, and -(C₁-C₃) alkyl;

— or —

-R^A and R^B are taken together, but only in the case where m is 1, to form a spiro moiety of Formula (1.2.0):



(1.2.0)

— where —

--r and s are independently 0 to 4 provided that the sum of r + s is at least 1 but not greater than 5;

— and —

--X^A is selected from --CH₂--, --CH(R¹¹)--, or C(R¹¹)₂--, where each R¹¹ is selected independently of the other and each has the same meaning as defined above; --NR¹⁵--, where R¹⁵ has the same meaning as defined below; --O--; and --S(=O)_t--, where t is 0, 1, or 2;

— and —

said spiro moiety of partial Formula (1.2.0) is substituted as to any one or more carbon atoms thereof, other than that defining X^A, by 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁴, where R¹⁴ has the same meaning as defined below; as to a nitrogen atom thereof by 0 or 1 substituent R¹⁵, where R¹⁵ has the same meaning as defined below; and as to a sulfur atom thereof by 0 or 2 oxygen atoms;

-R^C and R^D have the same meaning as defined above for R^A and R^B except that one of them must be --H, and they are selected independently of each other and of R^A and R^B;

-R¹ and R² may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety Q² as defined below; and R¹ and R² are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of --H; --F; --Cl; --CN; --NO₂; --(C₁-C₄) alkyl; --(C₂-C₄) alkynyl; fluorinated--(C₁-C₃) alkyl; --OR¹⁶; and --C(=O)NR^{22a}R^{22b}; where R¹⁶, R^{22a}, and R^{22b} have the same meanings as defined above;

-R³ is --H; --(C₁-C₃) alkyl; phenyl; benzyl; or --OR¹⁶, where R¹⁶ has the same meaning as defined above;

-R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety Q¹ as defined below; and R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

-(a) -H; -F; -Cl; -(C₂-C₄) alkynyl; -R¹⁶; -OR¹⁶; -S(=O)_pR¹⁶; -C(=O)R¹⁶; -C(=O)OR¹⁶; -OC(=O)R¹⁶; -CN; -NO₂; -C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -OC(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR²²_aC(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR²²_aC(=NR¹²)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR²²_aC(=NCN)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR²²_aC(=N-NO₂)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -C(=NR²²_a)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -CH₂C(=NR²²_a)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -OC(=NR²²_a)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -OC(=N-NO₂)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -CH₂NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR²²_aC(=O)R¹⁶; -NR²²_aC(=O)OR¹⁶; =NOR¹⁶; -NR²²_aS(=O)_pR¹⁷; -S(=O)_pNR¹⁶R¹⁷; and -CH₂C(=NR²²_a)NR¹⁶R¹⁷;

— where —

--p is 0, 1, or 2; and R²²_a, R¹⁶, and R¹⁷ have the same meanings as defined above;

-(b) -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; and -(C₁-C₄) alkoxy in the case where one or more of R⁴, R⁵, or R⁶ has the meaning of -OR¹⁶ under (a) above and R¹⁶ is defined as -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; wherein said alkyl and alkoxy are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents -F or -Cl; or 0 or 1 substituent (C₁-C₂) alkoxycarbonyl-; (C₁-C₂) alkylcarbonyl-; or (C₁-C₂) alkylcarbonyloxy-;

— and —

-(c) an aryl or heterocyclyl moiety selected from the group consisting of phenyl; benzyl; furanyl; tetrahydrofuranyl; oxetanyl; thienyl; tetrahydrothienyl; pyrrolyl; pyrrolidinyl; oxazolyl; oxazolidinyl; isoxazolyl; isoxazolidinyl; thiazolyl; thiazolidinyl; isothiazolyl; isothiazolidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolidinyl; oxadiazolyl; thiadiazolyl; imidazolyl; imidazolidinyl; pyridinyl; pyrazinyl; pyrimidinyl; pyridazinyl; piperidinyl; piperazinyl; triazolyl; triazinyl; tetrazolyl; pyranyl; azetidyl; morpholinyl, parathiazinyl; indolyl; indolynyl; benzo[b]furanyl; 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl; 2-*H*-chromenyl; chromanyl; benzothienyl; 1-*H*-indazolyl; benzimidazolyl; benzoxazolyl; benzisoxazolyl; benzthiazolyl; quinolynyl; isoquinolynyl; phthalazinyl; quinazolinyl; quinoxalinyl; and purinyl; wherein said aryl and heterocyclyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 2 substituents R¹⁴

— where —

--R¹⁴ is a member selected from the group consisting of -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; pyridyl; and quinolynyl; where said alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl, or quinolynyl is substituted by 0, 1, or 2 substituents -F, -Cl, -CH₃, -OR¹⁶, -NO₂, -CN, or -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; and said R¹⁴ group further consists of -F; -Cl; -CF₃; oxo (=O); -OR¹⁶; -NO₂; -CN; -C(=O)OR¹⁶; -O-C(=O)R¹⁶; -C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -O-C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)OR¹⁷; -NR¹⁶S(=O)₂R¹⁷; or -S(=O)₂NR¹⁶R¹⁷; where R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ have the same meanings as defined above;

— and further where —

---R¹⁵ is a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -C(=O)R¹⁶; -OR¹⁶; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl-OR¹⁶; -C(=O)OR¹⁶; -(C₁-C₂) alkyl-C(=O)OR¹⁶; -

$C(=O)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; $-(C_2-C_4)$ alkenyl; $-(CH_2)_u-(C_3-C_7)$ cycloalkyl where u is 0, 1 or 2; phenyl; benzyl; pyridyl; and quinoliny; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, pyridyl or quinoliny is substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R^{12} ; where R^{16} and R^{17} have the same meanings as defined above; and

— where —

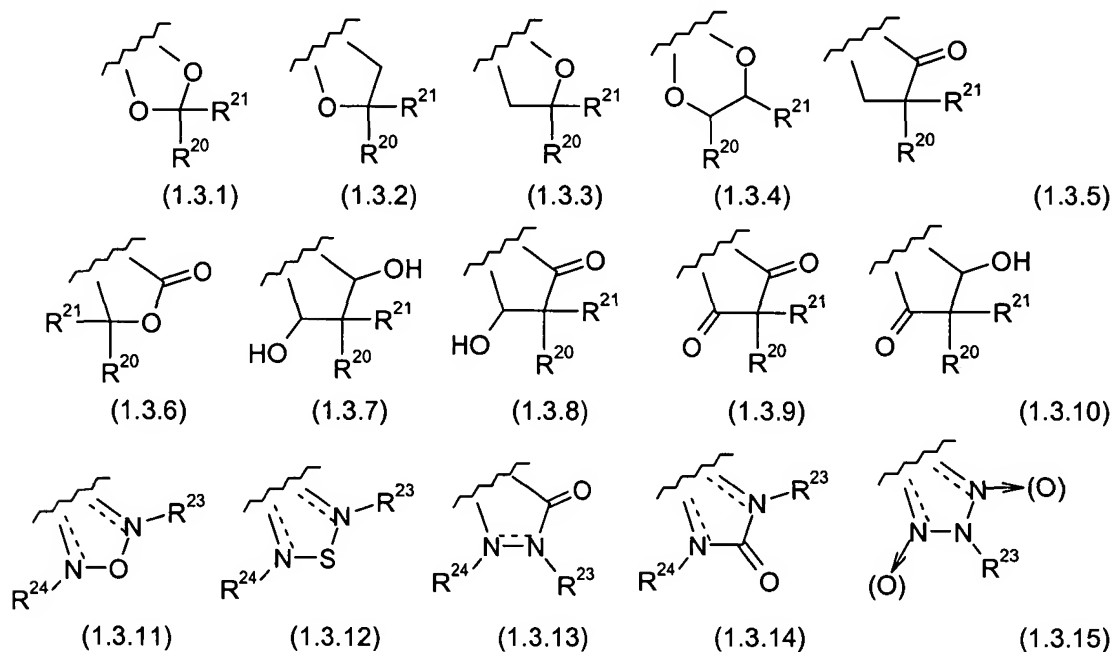
---- R^{12} is a member independently selected from the group consisting of $-F$; $-Cl$; $-CO_2R^{18}$; $-OR^{16}$; $-CN$; $-C(=O)NR^{18}R^{19}$; $-NR^{18}R^{19}$; $-NR^{18}C(=O)R^{19}$; $-NR^{18}C(=O)OR^{19}$; $-NR^{18}S(=O)_pR^{19}$; $-S(=O)_pNR^{18}R^{19}$, where p is 1 or 2; $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; and $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkoxy in the case where R^{12} has the meaning of $-OR^{16}$ above and R^{16} is defined as $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; wherein said alkyl and alkoxy are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from $-F$; $-Cl$; $-(C_1-C_2)$ alkoxycarbonyl; $-(C_1-C_2)$ alkylcarbonyl; and $-(C_1-C_2)$ alkylcarbonyloxy; where R^{16} has the same meaning as defined above; and

— where —

----- R^{18} and R^{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of $-H$; $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; and phenyl; where said alkyl or phenyl is substituted by 0-3 of $-F$; or $-Cl$;

— or in the case where Q' is phenyl —

-(d) R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1) through (1.3.15):



— wherein —

--R²⁰ and R²¹ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of
 -H; -F; -Cl; -CH₃; -CH₂F; -CHF₂; -CF₃; -OCH₃; and -OCF₃;

--R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently -H; -CH₃; -OCH₃; -CH₂CH₃; -OCH₂CH₃;
 -CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH₂(CH₃)₂; -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂; -C(CH₃)₃; or
 absent, in which case the dashed line ---- represents a double bond;

-Q¹ is a moiety comprising a saturated or unsaturated carbon ring system that is a 3-
 to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is a 7- to 12-membered, fused polycyclic; provided that Q¹ is
 not a discontinuous or restricted biaryl moiety as defined under Q² below; and wherein optionally
 one carbon atom of said carbon ring system may be replaced by a heteroatom selected from N,
 O, and S; where optionally a second carbon atom thereof, and further optionally a third carbon
 atom thereof may be replaced by N;

— wherein —

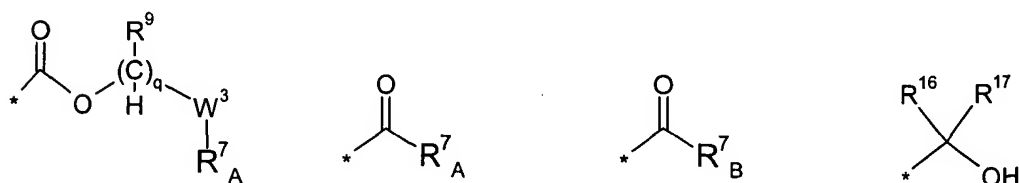
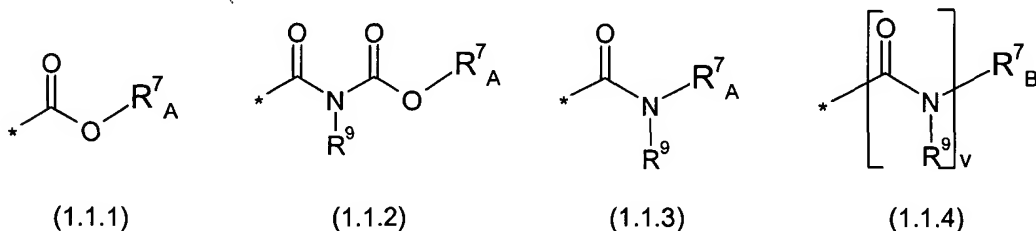
said moiety defining Q¹ is substituted on any ring or rings thereof by R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, which have
 the same meaning as defined above;

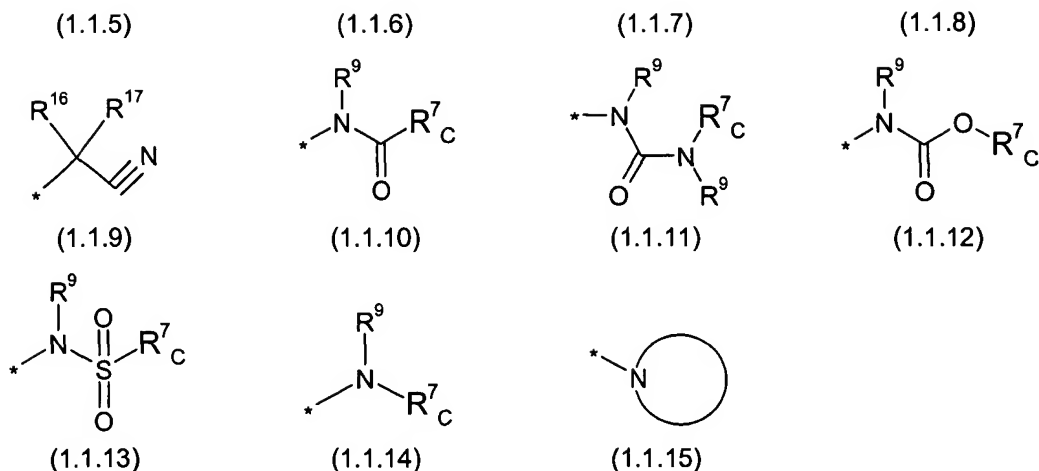
-Q² is a discontinuous or restricted biaryl moiety consisting of a saturated or
 unsaturated carbon ring system that is a 3- to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is a 7- to 12-
 membered, fused polycyclic; wherein optionally one carbon atom of said carbon ring system
 may be replaced by a heteroatom selected from N, O, and S; where optionally a second carbon
 atom thereof, and further optionally a third carbon atom thereof may be replaced by N;

-Z is a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following —

-(a) the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.1.1) through (1.1.15):





— wherein —

where R^{16} and R^{17} have the same meanings as defined above; and R^9 has the same meaning as defined below;

--“*” indicates the point of attachment of each partial Formula (1.1.1) through (1.1.15) to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0);

--q is 1, 2, or 3, provided that where q is 2 or 3, R^9 has the meaning of $-H$ in at least one instance, or two instances, respectively;

--v 0 or 1;

-- W^3 is $-O-$; $-N(R^9)-$, where R^9 has the same meaning as defined below; or $-OC(=O)-$;

-- R_A^7 is a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

--(1) $-H$;

--(2) $-(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl; $-(C_2-C_6)$ alkenyl; or $-(C_2-C_6)$ alkynyl; where said alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R^{10} , where R^{10} has the same meaning as defined above;

--(3) $-(CH_2)_u-(C_3-C_7)$ cycloalkyl where u is 0, 1 or 2; and further where said (C_3-C_7) cycloalkyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R^{10} where R^{10} has the same meaning as defined above;

— and —

--(4) phenyl or benzyl, where said phenyl or benzyl is independently substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R^{10} where R^{10} has the same meaning as defined above;

-- R^7_B is a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

--(1) tetrazol-5-yl; 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl; 1,2,4-triazol-3-on-5-yl; 1,2,3-triazol-5-yl; imidazol-2-yl; imidazol-4-yl; imidazolidin-2-on-4-yl; 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl; 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-on-5-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-on-3-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-on-5-yl; 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl; 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl; morpholinyl; parathiazinyl; oxazolyl; isoxazolyl; thiazolyl; isothiazolyl; pyrrolyl; pyrazolyl; succinimidyl; glutarimidyl; pyrrolidonyl; 2-piperidonyl; 2-pyridonyl; 4-pyridonyl; pyridazin-3-onyl; pyridyl; pyrimidinyl; pyrazinyl; pyridazinyl;

— and —

--(2) indolyl; indolinyl; isoindolinyl; benzo[*b*]furanyl; 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl; 1,3-dihydroisobenzofuranyl; 2*H*-1-benzopyranlyl; 2-*H*-chromenyl; chromanyl; benzothienyl; 1*H*-indazolyl; benzimidazolyl; benzoxazolyl; benzisoxazolyl; benzothiazolyl; benzotriazolyl; benzotriazinyl; phthalazinyl; 1,8-naphthyridinyl; quinolinyl; isoquinolinyl; quinazolinyl; quinoxalinyl; pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidinyl; pyrimido[4,5-*d*]pyrimidinyl; imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridinyl; pyridopyridinyl; pteridinyl; and 1*H*-purinyl;

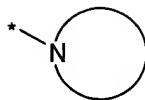
— where —

any moiety recited in (1) or (2) above is optionally substituted with respect to (i) any one or more carbon atoms thereof optionally by a substituent R^{14} where R^{14} has the same meaning as defined above; (ii) any one or more nitrogen atoms thereof that is not a point of attachment of said moiety, optionally by a substituent R^{15} where R^{15} has the same meaning as defined above, and all tautomer forms thereof; and (iii) any sulfur atom thereof that is not a point of attachment of said moiety, by 0, 1, or 2 oxygen atoms;

-- R^9 is a member selected from the group consisting of -H; $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; $-(C_3-C_7)$ cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; pyridyl; $-C(=O)OR^{16}$; $-C(=O)R^{16}$; $-OR^{16}$; $-(C_1-C_2)$ alkyl- OR^{16} ; and $-(C_1-C_2)$ alkyl- $C(=O)OR^{16}$; where R^{16} has the same meaning as defined above;

-- R^7_C is a member independently selected from the group consisting of the meanings of R^7_A and the meanings of R^7_B defined above;

— and further wherein —



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--comprises a saturated or unsaturated, 4- to 8-membered monocyclic, or 5- to 10-membered fused or open bicyclic, carbocyclic ring system containing a nitrogen heteroatom as shown in partial Formula (1.1.15); wherein optionally from 1 to 3 carbon atoms of said carbocyclic ring system may be individually replaced by a nitrogen heteroatom; or optionally 1 carbon atom thereof may be replaced by an oxygen heteroatom or by a sulfur heteroatom; or optionally 2 carbon atoms thereof may be individually replaced by a nitrogen heteroatom and an oxygen heteroatom, or by a nitrogen heteroatom and a sulfur heteroatom;

— where —

any moiety of partial Formula (1.1.15) recited above is optionally substituted with respect to (1) any one or more carbon atoms thereof, by a substituent R^{14} where R^{14} has the same meaning as defined above; (2) any one or more nitrogen atoms thereof by a substituent R^{15} where R^{15} has the same meaning as defined above, and all tautomer forms, and optionally N-oxide forms thereof; or (3) any sulfur atom thereof by 0, 1, or 2 oxygen atoms;

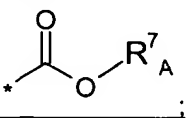
— and Z is further selected from —

-(b) a moiety comprising a member selected from the group consisting of -O-P(=O)(OH)₂ (phosphoric); -PH(=O)OH (phosphinic); -P(=O)(OH)₂ (phosphonic); -[P(=O)(OH)-O(C₁-C₄) alkyl] (alkylphosphono); -P(=O)(OH)-O(C₁-C₄) alkyl (alkylphosphinyl); -P(=O)(OH)NH₂ (phosphoramido); -P(=O)(OH)NH(C₁-C₄) alkyl and -P(=O)(OH)NHR²⁵ (substituted phosphoramido); -O-S(=O)₂OH (sulfuric); -S(=O)₂OH (sulfonic); -S(=O)₂NHR²⁶ or -NHS(=O)₂R²⁶ (sulfonamido) where R²⁶ is -CH₃, -CF₃, or o-toluy; and acylsulfonamido selected from the group consisting of -C(=O)NHS(=O)₂R²⁵; -C(=O)NHS(=O)₂NH₂; -C(=O)NHS(=O)₂(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -C(=O)NHS(=O)₂N[(C₁-C₄) alkyl]₂; -S(=O)₂NHC(=O)(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -S(=O)₂NHC(=O)NH₂; -S(=O)₂NHC(=O)NH(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -S(=O)₂NHC(=O)N[(C₁-C₄) alkyl]₂; -S(=O)₂NHC(=O)R²⁵; -S(=O)₂NHCN; -S(=O)₂NHC(=S)NH₂; -S(=O)₂NHC(=S)NH(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -S(=O)₂NHC(=S)N[(C₁-C₄) alkyl]₂; and -S(=O)₂NHS(=O)₂R²⁵;

— where —

--R²⁵ is -H; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; phenyl; or -OR¹⁸, where R¹⁸ has the same meaning as defined above;

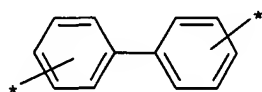
provided that when Q¹ is phenyl, R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3) and (1.3.6).

g is 0 and Q² is biphenyl, then Z is not ;

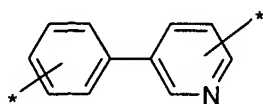
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a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

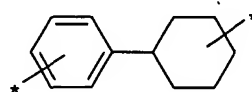
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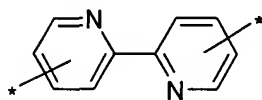
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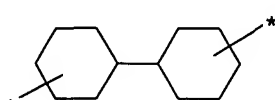
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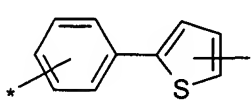
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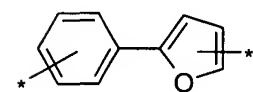
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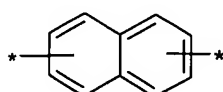
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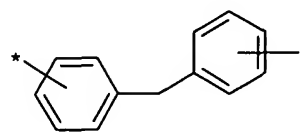
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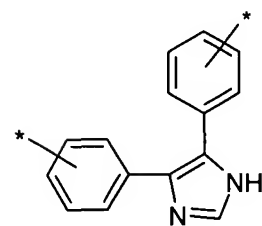
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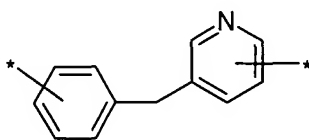
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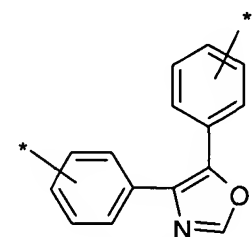
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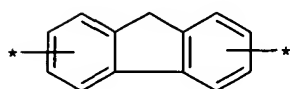
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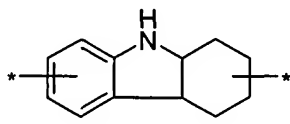
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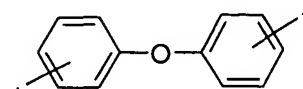
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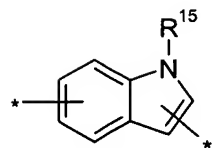
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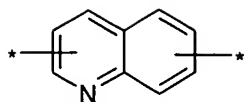
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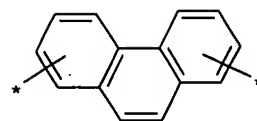
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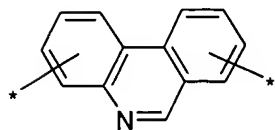
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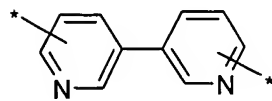
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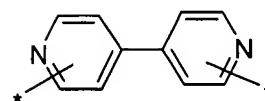
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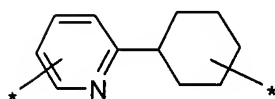
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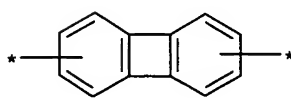
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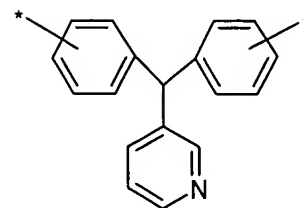
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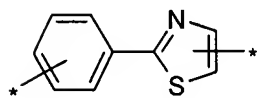
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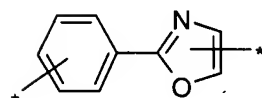
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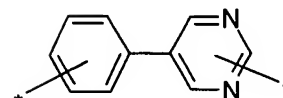
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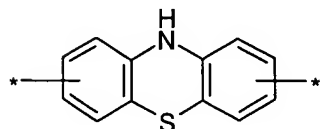
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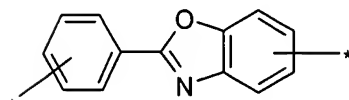
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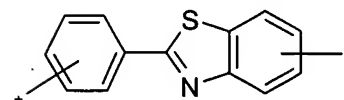
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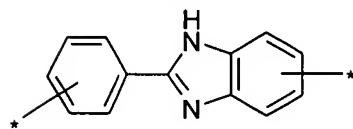
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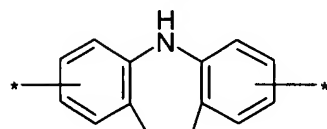
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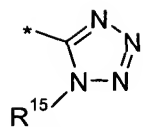
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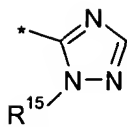
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wherein " * " is a symbol indicating the two points of attachment of said group Q^2 to the remaining components of Formula (1.0.0).

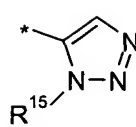
3. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Z comprises partial Formulas (1.1.4) and (1.1.10) through (1.1.14), and the meaning of R^7_B of partial Formula (1.1.4) where v is 0 or 1, or the meaning of R^7_C of partial Formulas (1.1.10) through (1.1.14) is defined as a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.4.1) through (1.4.28):



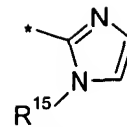
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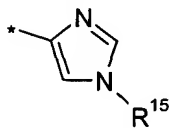
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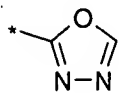
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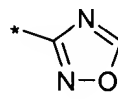
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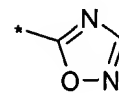
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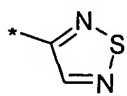
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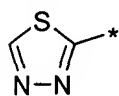
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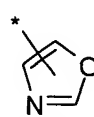
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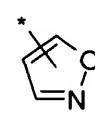
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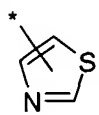
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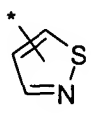
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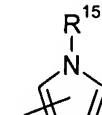
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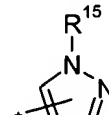
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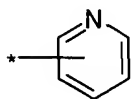
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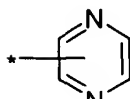
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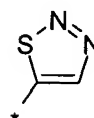
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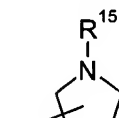
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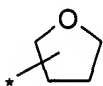
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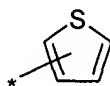
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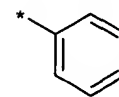
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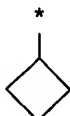
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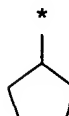
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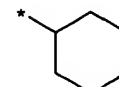
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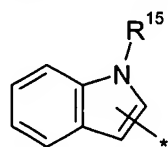


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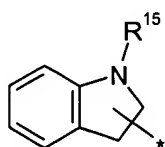
where “*” indicates the point of attachment to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0); and where each carbon atom is optionally substituted by a substituent R^{14} ; and where R^{14} and R^{15} have the

same meaning as defined in Claim 1; and all tautomer forms, and optionally N-oxide forms, thereof.

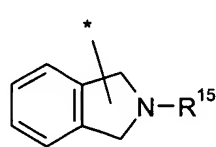
4. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Z comprises partial Formulas (1.1.4) and (1.1.10) through (1.1.14) and the meanings of R^7_B and R^7_C in said partial Formulas are each independently a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.5.1) through (1.5.29):



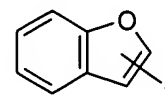
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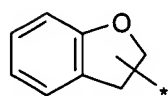
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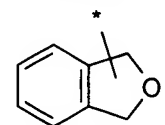
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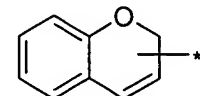
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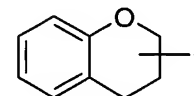
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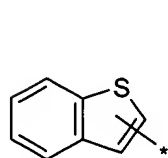
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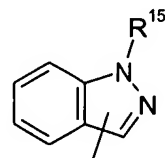
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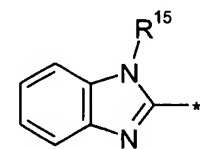
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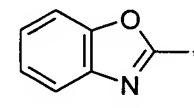
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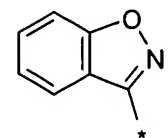
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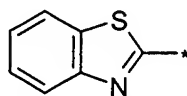
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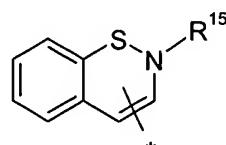
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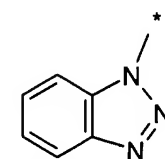
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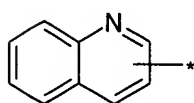
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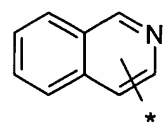
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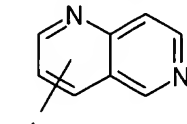
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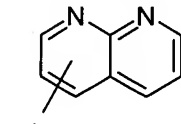
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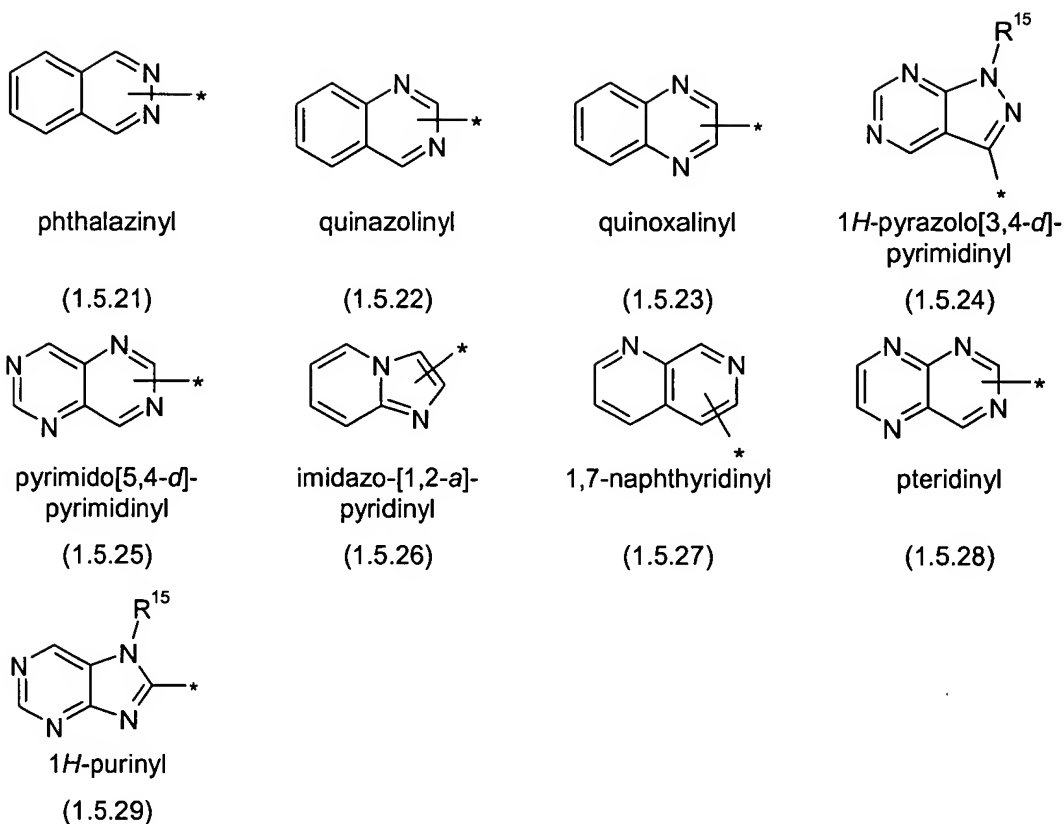
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1,6-naphthyridinyl
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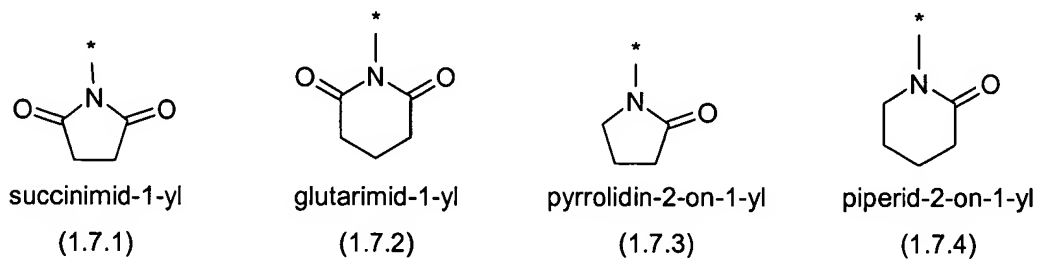


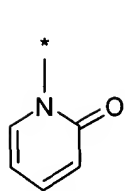
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where “*” indicates the point of attachment to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0); and where each carbon atom is optionally substituted by a substituent R¹⁴; and where R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ have the same meaning as defined in Claim 1; and all tautomer forms, and optionally N-oxide forms, thereof.

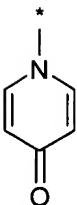
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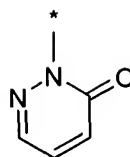
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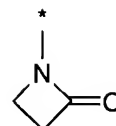
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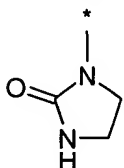
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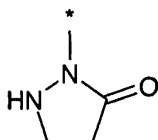
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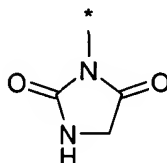
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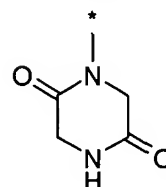
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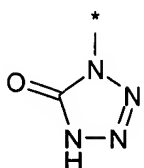
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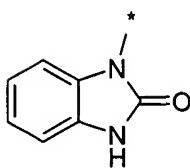
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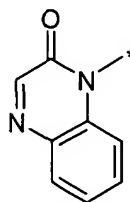
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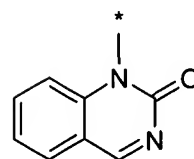
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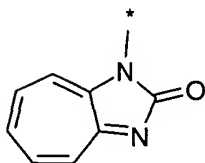
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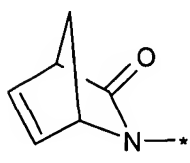
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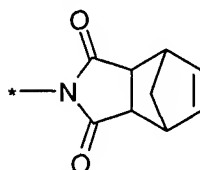
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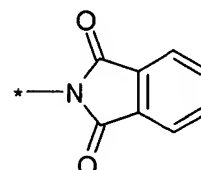
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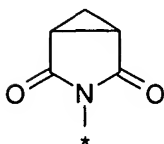
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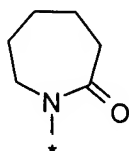
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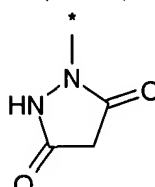
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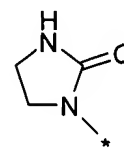
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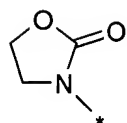
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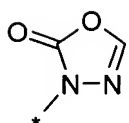
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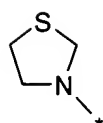


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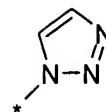


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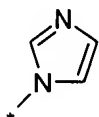
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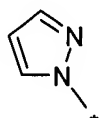
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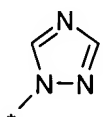
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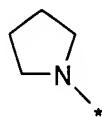
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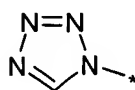
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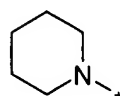
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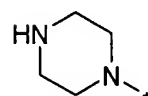
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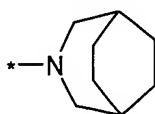
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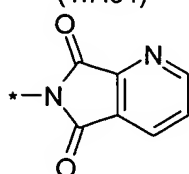
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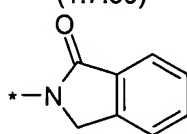
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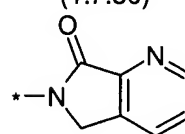
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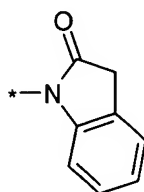
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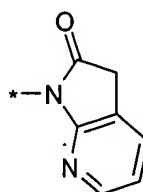
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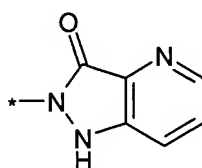
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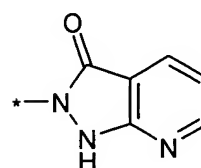
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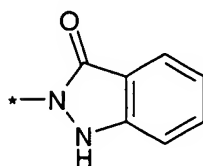
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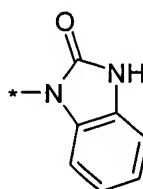
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pyridin-4-on-2-yl

(1.7.44)



1*H*-indazol-3-on-2-yl

(1.7.45)



1*H*-benzimidazol-2-
on-3-yl

(1.7.46)

where “*” indicates the point of attachment to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0); where each carbon atom is optionally substituted by a substituent R^{14} ; and where each nitrogen atom is optionally substituted by a substituent R^{15} ; where R^{14} and R^{15} have the same meaning as defined in Claim 1; and all tautomer forms, and optionally N-oxide forms, thereof.

6. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Q^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; $\diamond\diamond Q^2$ is biphenyl, 3-phenyl-pyridine, cyclohexyl-benzene, [2,2']bipyridinyl, bicyclohexyl, naphthalene, or biphenylene; $\diamond\diamond j$ is 1; $\diamond\diamond m$ is 0 or 1; $\diamond\diamond n$ is 1; $\diamond\diamond Z$ is a moiety selected from partial Formulas (1.1.1) through (1.1.3), (1.1.5), (1.1.6), and (1.1.10) through (1.1.14) where R_A^7 is (a) $-H$, or $-CH_3$ substituted by 0-3 R^{10} where R^{10} is $-F$; or is $-CH_3$ substituted by 0 or 1 R^{10} where R^{10} is $-CN$, $-OR^{16}$ where R^{16} is $-CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_3$, or $-NR^{16}R^{17}$ or $-NR^{16}C(=O)R^{17}$ where R^{16} and R^{17} are $-H$ or $-CH_3$; (b) cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or (c) phenyl or benzyl substituted by 0-2 R^{10} where R^{10} is $-F$, $-Cl$, $-CF_3$, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2OH$, $-SCH_3$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OR^{16}$, or $-NR^{16}R^{17}$ where R^{16} and R^{17} are $-H$, $-CH_3$, or $-CH_2CH_3$; $\diamond\diamond R^9$ is $-H$ or $-CH_3$; $\diamond\diamond W^1$ is $-O-$; $\diamond\diamond g$ is 1 and W^2 is $-O-$ or $-CR^{29}R^{30}-$ where R^{29} and R^{30} are both $-H$, or g is 0 and W^2 is thus absent; $\diamond\diamond Y$ is $=C(R_a^1)-$; $\diamond\diamond R_a^1$ is $-H$, or $-F$; $\diamond\diamond R^A$ and R^B are independently $-H$ or $-CH_3$; or R^A and R^B are taken together to form a $-(C_3-C_7)$ cycloalkyl-spiro moiety; $\diamond\diamond$ one of R^C and R^D is $-H$ and the other is $-H$ or $-CH_3$; $\diamond\diamond R^1$ and R^2 are $-H$, $-F$, or $-OCH_3$; $\diamond\diamond R^3$ is $-H$ or $-CH_3$; and $\diamond\diamond R^4$, R^5 and R^6 are $-H$ provided that R^5 and R^6 are not both $-H$ at the same time, $-F$, $-Cl$, $-OCH_3$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, or $-C(=O)R^3$ or $-C(=O)OR^3$ where R^3 is $-CH_3$; or R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3), (1.3.4), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), or (1.3.15).

7. (Original) A compound according to Claim 6 wherein wherein Z is a moiety of partial Formulas (1.1.1), (1.1.3), (1.1.6) or (1.1.10); R^9 is $-H$; R^A and R^B are both $-H$; R^C and R^D are both $-H$; R^3 is $-H$; R^4 is $-H$; R^5 is $-H$, $-F$, $-Cl$, $-CN$, $-OCH_3$, $-C(=O)CH_3$, or $-NO_2$; R^6 is $-H$, provided that R^5 and R^6 are not both $-H$ at the same time, or $-F$; or R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1) or partial Formula (1.3.11) where R^{23} and R^{24} are both absent.

8. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Q^1 is phenyl or pyridyl; $\diamond\diamond Q^2$ is biphenyl, 3-phenyl-pyridine, cyclohexyl-benzene, [2,2']bipyridinyl, bicyclohexyl, naphthalene, or biphenylene; j is 1; $\diamond\diamond m$ is 0 or 1; $\diamond\diamond n$ is 1; $\diamond\diamond Z$ is a moiety selected from partial Formulas (1.1.4) and (1.1.7) where R_B^7 is tetrazol-5-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-3-on-5-yl, imidazol-2-yl, imidazol-4-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl, 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl,

oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, succinimidyl, pyrrolidonyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, 1,2,3-thiadiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, furanyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, thienyl, indolyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, benzothienyl, 1*H*-indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzotriazolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalyl, 1,6-naphthyridinyl, or 1,8-naphthyridinyl, all of which are independently substituted by 0 or 1 R¹⁴ where R¹⁴ is -CH₃, -OR¹⁶ where R¹⁶ is -H or -CH₃, oxo (=O), -C(=O)OR¹⁶ where R¹⁶ is -H or -CH₃, ◇◇ R⁹ is -H or -CH₃; ◇◇ W¹ is -O-; ◇◇ g is 1 and W² is -O- or -CR²⁹R³⁰- where R²⁹ and R³⁰ are both -H, or g is 0 and W² is thus absent; ◇◇ Y is =C(R^{1a})-; ◇◇ R^{1a} is -H; or -F; ◇◇ R^A and R^B are independently -H or -CH₃; or R^A and R^B are taken together to form a -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl-spiro moiety; ◇◇ one of R^C and R^D is -H and the other is -H or -CH₃; ◇◇ R¹ and R² are -H, -F, or -OCH₃; ◇◇ R³ is -H or -CH₃; and ◇◇ R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are -H provided that R⁵ and R⁶ are not both -H at the same time, -F, -Cl, -OCH₃, -CN; -NO₂, or -C(=O)R³ or -C(=O)OR³ where R³ is -CH₃; or R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3), (1.3.4), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), or (1.3.15).

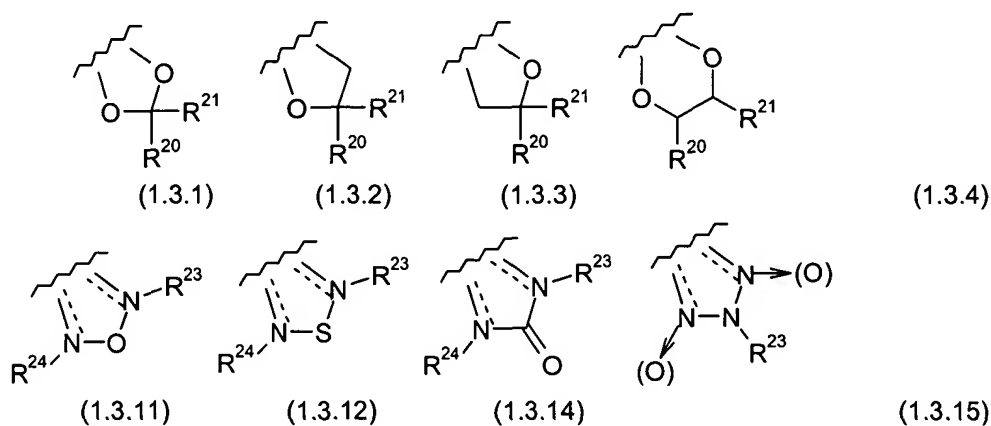
9. (Original) A compound according to Claim 8 wherein R⁹ is -H; R^A and R^B are both -H; R^C and R^D are both -H; R³ is -H; R⁴ is -H; R⁵ is -H, -F, -Cl, -CN, -OCH₃, -C(=O)CH₃, or -NO₂; R⁶ is -H, provided that R⁵ and R⁶ are not both -H at the same time, or -F; or R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1) or partial Formula (1.3.11) where R²³ and R²⁴ are both absent.

10. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Q¹ is phenyl or pyridyl; ◇◇ Q² is biphenyl, 3-phenyl-pyridine, cyclohexyl-benzene, [2,2']bipyridinyl, bicyclohexyl, naphthalene, or biphenylene; ◇◇ j is 1; ◇◇ m is 0 or 1; ◇◇ n is 1; ◇◇ Z is a moiety of partial Formula (1.1.15) comprising phthalimid-1-yl, succinimid-1-yl, pyrrolid-2-on-1-yl, glutarimid-1-yl, piperid-2-on-1-yl, pyrid-2-on-1-yl, imidazolidin-2,4-dion-1-yl, 4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1*H*-tetrazol-1-yl, benzimidazolin-2-on-1-yl, norborn-5-en-2,3-dicarboximid-1-yl, imidazolidin-2-on-1-yl, thiazolidin-3-yl, 1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl, 1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, tetrazol-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl, 1*H*-pyrazolo[4,5-*e*]pyridin-7-on-2-yl, 1*H*-indazol-3-on-2-yl, 1*H*-benzimidazol-2-on-3-yl, or pyrrolo[3,4-*b*]pyridin-5,7-dion-6-yl; ◇◇ W¹ is -O-; ◇◇ g is 1 and W² is -O- or -CR²⁹R³⁰- where R²⁹ and R³⁰ are both -H, or g is 0 and W² is thus absent; ◇◇ Y is =C(R^{1a})-; ◇◇ R^{1a} is -H; or -F; ◇◇ R^A and R^B are independently -H or -CH₃; or R^A and R^B are taken together to form a -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl-spiro moiety; ◇◇ one of R^C and R^D is -H and the other is -H or -CH₃; ◇◇ R¹ and R² are -H, -F, or -OCH₃; ◇◇ R³ is -H or -CH₃; and ◇◇ R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are -H provided that R⁵ and R⁶ are not both -H at the same time, -F, -Cl, -OCH₃, -CN; -NO₂, or -C(=O)R³ or

-C(=O)OR³ where R³ is -CH₃; or R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3), (1.3.4), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), or (1.3.15), where for partial Formulas (1.3.11) and (1.3.12) R²³ and R²⁴ are both absent.

11. (Original) A compound according to Claim 10 wherein R⁹ is -H; R^A and R^B are both -H; R^C and R^D are both -H; R³ is -H; R⁴ and R⁵ are both -H, and R⁶ is -F; or R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1) or (1.3.11).

12. (Original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein m is 1; $\diamond\diamond$ n is 1; $\diamond\diamond$ W¹ is -O-; $\diamond\diamond$ W² is absent; $\diamond\diamond$ Y is =C(R^{1a})-; $\diamond\diamond$ R^{1a} is -H; -CH₃; -CF₃; or -OCH₃; $\diamond\diamond$ one of R^A and R^B is -H and the other is -CH₃; phenyl; benzyl; pyrrolyl; pyridinyl; or tetrazolyl; or R^A and R^B are taken together to form a -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl-spiro moiety; $\diamond\diamond$ R^C and R^D are both -H; $\diamond\diamond$ and R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1) through (1.3.4), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), (1.3.14), and (1.3.15) :



where R²⁰ and R²¹ are each independently -H; -F; -CH₃; or -OCH₃; and R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently -H; -CH₃; -OCH₃; or absent, in which case the dashed line - - - - represents a double bond.

13. (Currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein said compound is a member selected from the group consisting of the following:

4'-[[[2-[4-Fluorophenoxy]pyridine-3-carbonyl]amino]methyl]biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid of Formula (8.5.1);

4'-[[[2-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy]pyridine-3-carbonyl]amino]methyl]biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid of Formula (8.5.2);

4'-[[[2-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy]pyridine-3-carbonyl]amino]methyl]3'-fluorobiphenyl-3-carboxylic acid of Formula (8.5.3);

4'-[[[2-(3-Cyano-phenoxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino]-methyl]-biphenyl-3'-fluoro-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid of Formula (8.5.4);

[4'-([2-(Benzo[2,1,3]thiadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid of Formula (8.5.5);

[4'-([2-(Benzo[2,1,3]oxadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid of Formula (8.5.6);

[4'-([2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid of Formula (8.5.7);

(±)-2-[4'-([2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.8);

(±)-2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(2'-fluoro-4'[1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethoxy]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.9);

(±)-2-[4'-([2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-3'-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yloxy]-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.10);

(±)-2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(2'-fluoro-4'[1-(5-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl)-ethoxy]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.11);

(±)-N-[4'-(1-Carbamoyl-ethoxy)-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(3-cyano-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.12);

(±)-2-[2,3'-Difluoro-4'-([2-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.13);

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(4'-carbamoylmethyl-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.14);

[4'-([2-(3-Cyano-phenoxy)-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-3'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yl]-acetic acid of Formula (8.5.15);

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4'-[(2-cyano-benzoylamino)-methyl]-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-5-fluoro-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.16);

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (3'-fluoro-4'-[[2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide]-methyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-amide of Formula (8.5.17);

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[2'-fluoro-4'-[1-methyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.18);

5-Fluoro-N-(3-fluoro-4'-{[(5-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazole-3-carbonyl)-amino]-methyl}-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-2-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.19);

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-{2'-fluoro-4'-[(2-methoxy-benzoylamino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.20);

N-[4'-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isoindol-2-ylmethyl)-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.21);

N-(2'-Fluoro-4'-{[(3H-imidazole-4-carbonyl)-amino]-methyl}-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-2-(3-nitro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.22);

(±)-3-[4'-{[2-(3-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino}-methyl)-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-butyric acid of Formula (8.5.23);

2-[4'-{[2-Benzo[2,1,3]thiadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino}-methyl)-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.24);

(±)-2-[4'-{[2-(Benzo[2,1,3]oxadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino}-methyl)-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.25);

(±)-2-[3'-Fluoro-4'-{[2-(2-methyl-2H-benzotriazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino}-methyl)-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid of Formula (8.5.26);

2-(3-Cyano-phenoxy)-N-{2'-fluoro-4'-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.27);

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-{2'-fluoro-4'-[(quinolin-2-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.28);

5-Fluoro-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)N-[3-fluoro-3'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.29);

N-{3-Fluoro-4'-[(1-hydroxy-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl}-2-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.30);

(±)-N-[3-Fluoro-4'-(2-hydroxy-1,2-dimethyl-propoxy)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.31);

N-[2'-Fluoro-4'-(1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.32); and

2-(3-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-N-[4'-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-nicotinamide of Formula (8.5.33).

14. - 18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A method of treating a disease, disorder or condition mediated by the PDE4 isozyme in a mammal, said method comprising administering to said mammal in need of such mediation, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said PDE4 isozyme is the PDE4-D subtype isozyme.

21. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is atopic asthma; non-atopic asthma; allergic asthma; bronchial asthma; essential asthma; true asthma; intrinsic asthma caused by pathophysiologic disturbances; extrinsic asthma caused by environmental factors; essential asthma of unknown or inapparent cause; bronchitic asthma; emphysematous asthma; exercise-induced asthma; occupational asthma; infective asthma caused by bacterial, fungal, protozoal or viral infection; non-allergic asthma; incipient asthma; or wheezy infant syndrome.

22. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is chronic or acute bronchoconstriction; chronic bronchitis; small airways obstruction; emphysema; pneumoconiosis; chronic eosinophilic pneumonia; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; adult respiratory distress syndrome; or exacerbation of airways hyper-reactivity consequent to other drug therapy.

23. (New) A method of claim 22 wherein said chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is characterized by irreversible, progressive airways obstruction.

24. (New) A method of claim 22 wherein said pneumoconiosis is aluminosis; bauxite workers' disease; anthracosis; miners' disease; asbestosis; steam-fitters' asthma; chalicosis; flint disease; ptilosis caused by inhaling the dust from ostrich feathers; siderosis caused by the inhalation of iron particles; silicosis; grinders' disease; byssinosis; cotton-dust asthma; or talc pneumoconiosis.

25. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is bronchitis; acute bronchitis; chronic bronchitis; acute laryngotracheal bronchitis; arachidic bronchitis; catarrhal bronchitis; croupus bronchitis; dry bronchitis; infectious asthmatic bronchitis; productive bronchitis; staphylococcus bronchitis; streptococcal bronchitis; or vesicular bronchitis.

26. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is bronchiectasis; cylindric bronchiectasis; sacculated bronchiectasis; fusiform bronchiectasis; capillary bronchiectasis; cystic bronchiectasis; dry bronchiectasis or follicular bronchiectasis.

27. (New) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is seasonal allergic rhinitis; perennial allergic rhinitis; sinusitis; purulent sinusitis; nonpurulent sinusitis; acute sinusitis; chronic sinusitis; ethmoid sinusitis; frontal sinusitis; or sphenoid sinusitis.